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## TOP CORN, SOYBEAN AND WHEAT COUNTIES

Indiana's leading counties in the production of corn, soybeans and wheat during 2004 were Jasper County for corn, Montgomery County for soybeans, and Posey County for winter wheat. Jasper County produced a total of 23.7 million bushels of corn, making it the number one corn producing county. Knox took second place, followed by White, Benton, and Montgomery counties.

Montgomery County jumped to the number one slot for soybeans, by producing 6.5 million bushels during 2004. White and Boone counties

captured the second and third place spots, respectively. Randolph County fell to fourth place, followed by Benton.

Posey County retained the number one position in winter wheat production during 2004 with 2.4 million bushels. Gibson County remained in second place, while Allen County kept the third place standing. Knox County remained in fourth place while Adams County moved up to fifth position.

The preceding information is part of the results of the County Estimates Survey which was conducted last fall after

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harvest. For further results from this survey, please visit our web site listed on the back of this publication.

### LEADING INDIANA COUNTIES IN PRODUCTION OF CORN, SOYBEANS AND WHEAT

Rank	2004 Crop					
	Corn		Soybeans		Winter Wheat	
	County	Production	County	Production	County	Production
		<u>1,000 Bu</u>		<u>1,000 Bu</u>		<u>1,000 Bu</u>
1	Jasper	23,732.6	Montgomery	6,506.8	Posey	2,367.9
2	Knox	23,589.5	White	6,431.5	Gibson	1,693.9
3	White	22,940.5	Boone	6,262.6	Allen	1,515.3
4	Benton	20,840.3	Randolph	5,763.7	Knox	1,300.7
5	Montgomery	19,834.2	Benton	5,746.6	Adams	804.6
6	Clinton	19,487.9	Grant	5,655.1	Jay	779.2
7	Boone	19,427.4	Clinton	5,512.4	Wabash	746.6
8	Gibson	19,331.8	Rush	5,495.7	Whitley	607.7
9	La Porte	19,132.5	Wells	5,399.2	Vanderburgh	561.2
10	Carroll	18,610.8	Shelby	5,388.7	Spencer	552.6

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## NUMBER OF HIRED EASTERN CORNBELT WORKERS INCREASES 22 PERCENT

The following information is the result of the Farm Labor Survey that was conducted in January 2005. Workers on farms in the Eastern Cornbelt States (Indiana, Illinois, Ohio) during the week of January 9-15, 2005 totaled 28,000. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.06.

There were 749,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 9-15, 2005, down 12 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 574,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 175,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.81 per hour during the January 2005 reference week, up 40 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.73 per hour, up 34 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$9.19 per hour compared with \$8.83 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.91 per hour, was up 36 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 36.8 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 3 percent from a year ago.

### HIRED WORKERS: NUMBER AND HOURS WORKED, AND WAGE RATES, EASTERN CORNBELT AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY 2004-2005 <sup>1/</sup> <sup>2/</sup>

Item	Eastern Cornbelt		United States	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<b>Thousands</b>			
Hired Workers on Farms	23	28	662	574
Expected to be Employed:				
150 Days or More	19	24	549	478
149 Days or Less	4	4	113	96
	<b>Hours</b>			
Hours Worked Per Week	35.9	33.2	38.1	36.8
	<b>Dollars Per Hour</b>			
Type of Hired Worker				
Field	9.98	9.40	8.39	8.73
Livestock	10.01	8.95	8.83	9.19
Field & Livestock	10.00	9.18	8.55	8.91
Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	10.70	10.06	9.41	9.81

<sup>1/</sup> Reference weeks were January 9-15 in 2005 and January 11-17 in 2004. Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. Excludes Alaska.

<sup>2/</sup> Eastern Cornbelt region consists of Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio.

## INDIANA EGG PRODUCTION DOWN 1 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 519 million eggs during January 2005, down 1 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 23.5 million, was slightly below last month, but up 1 percent from last year. The rate of lay at 2,212 eggs per 100 layers was down 2 percent from last year. Indiana hatcheries produced 5.5 million egg-type chicks during January, up 9 percent from a year ago.

The Nation's laying flocks produced 7.61 billion eggs during January 2005, up 3 percent from last year. Production

included 6.52 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 64 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2005 averaged 348 million, up 3 percent from a year earlier. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,188 eggs, up slightly from January 2004. Egg-type chicks hatched during January totaled 36.8 million, up 4 percent from January 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.3 million on February 1, 2005, up 9 percent from a year ago.

### EGG PRODUCTION, LAYERS, AND HATCHING NUMBERS INDIANA AND U.S., JANUARY 2004-2005

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	23,195	23,463	101	338,550	347,739	103
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,250	2,212	98	2,182	2,188	100
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	522	519	99	7,386	7,607	103
Table Eggs (millions)	510	506	99	6,323	6,518	103
Hatching Eggs (millions)	12	13	108	1,063	1,090	103
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	5,096	5,538	109	35,350	36,761	104
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched	1/	1/	1/	773,970	796,026	103

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

## PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DOWN 5 POINTS

The February 2005 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 89 (1991=100) was down 5 points from January's revised level and down 25 points from February 2004. The mid-February price for hogs increased from January. The mid-month price for corn, soybeans, winter wheat, barrows and gilts, all milk, and eggs decreased from the previous month.

The mid-month price for all hogs, and all milk increased from the February 2004 level. The mid-February price for corn, soybeans, winter wheat and eggs decreased from the previous year. The Livestock Price Index of 93 was down 4 points from last month's revised index but 1 point above February 2004. The Crop Price Index of 86 was down 6 points from the revised index a month ago and 42 points below February last year.

### AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS – INDIANA AND UNITED STATES FEBRUARY 2005 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		February 2004	January 2005	February 15 2005	February 2004	January 2005	February 15 2005
		<b>Dollars</b>			<b>Dollars</b>		
Corn	Bu.	2.75	2.09	1.90	2.61	2.12	2.02
Soybeans	Bu.	8.38	5.58	5.31	8.28	5.57	5.39
Winter Wheat	Bu.	3.63	3.22	2.87	3.67	3.27	3.24
Oats	Bu.	7/	7/	7/	1.58	1.64	1.58
All Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	81.20	84.20	84.70
Alfalfa Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	85.10	90.90	91.90
Other Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	72.10	70.60	70.00
Apples 2/	Lb.	6/	6/	6/	.300	.216	.208
All Hogs	Cwt.	44.10	51.30	49.40	42.60	53.20	50.40
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	44.60	51.70	49.60	43.00	53.50	50.70
Sows	Cwt.	39.10	47.80	48.00	34.60	45.60	45.50
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	6/	6/	6/	78.50	89.40	89.60
Milk Cows 3/	Head	3/	1550.00	3/	3/	1620.00	3/
All Milk	Cwt.	13.20	16.80	16.10	13.60	15.90	15.40
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	13.30	16.90	4/	13.60	15.90	15.40
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	12.00	14.90	4/	12.80	14.90	14.80
Eggs 5/	Doz.	.700	.360	.350	.745	.373	.358
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	6/	6/	6/	.350	.393	.380

1/ Entire month price is a revision of the previous published mid-month price for all items except when footnoted otherwise.

2/ Mid-month Price. 3/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacements only. Prices published in January, April, July, and October. 4/ Only Whole-month Price published. 5/ Mid-month price for Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by the producer. 6/ Monthly estimates discontinued. 7/ Not Published.

## HONEY

This data is the result of the Bee and Honey Survey which was conducted last December. Indiana honey production in 2004 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 413,000 pounds, up 48 percent from production in 2003. There were 7,000 colonies producing honey in 2004, up 40 percent from 2003. Prices for the 2004 crop averaged \$1.58 per pound, down 5 percent from the previous year. At the state level, prices reflect the portions of honey sold retail, coop and private.

Nationally, honey production in 2004 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 184 million pounds, up 1 percent

from 2003. There were 2.56 million colonies producing honey in 2004, down 2 percent from 2003. Yield per colony averaged 71.8 pounds, up 3 percent from the 69.9 pounds in 2003. Colonies which produced honey in more than one state were counted in each state and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not counted if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 61.2 million pounds on December 15, 2004, up 50 percent from a year earlier. Honey prices decreased during 2004 to 108.5 cents, down 22 percent from 138.7 cents in 2003. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and coops.

### NUMBER OF BEE COLONIES, PRODUCTION, STOCKS, AND VALUE INDIANA, SELECTED STATES, AND U.S., 2004 1/

State	Number of Colonies	Yield Per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 2/	Average Price Per Pound 3/	Value of Production
	<b>1,000</b>	<b>Pounds</b>	<b>1,000 Pounds</b>		<b>Cents</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
Illinois	7	55	385	193	193	743
Indiana	7	59	413	145	158	653
Iowa	35	67	2,345	1,337	128	3,002
Michigan	65	67	4,355	2,439	117	5,095
Ohio	16	58	928	353	150	1,392
Wisconsin	68	86	5,848	2,632	133	7,778
United States	2,556	71.8	183,582	61,222	108.5	201,790

1/ Includes producers with 5 or more colonies. Preliminary. 2/ Stocks held by producers. 3/ Prices weighted by sales.

## INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 8 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during January 2005 totaled 118.1 million pounds, 8 percent below a year earlier. The 700 calves slaughtered during January 2005 totaled 86,000 pounds. Total live weight of the 574,300 hogs killed totaled 153.7 million pounds. The 1,600 sheep slaughtered during January 2005 totaled 162,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during January 2005 totaled 3.65 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the 3.71 billion pounds produced in January 2004. Beef production, at 1.92 billion pounds, was slightly below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.53 million head, down 2 percent from 2004. The average live weight was up

13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,262 pounds. Veal production totaled 13.3 million pounds, 17 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 67,700 head, down 14 percent from January 2004. The average live weight was 7 pounds below last year, at 329 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.70 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.48 million head, 4 percent below January 2004. The average live weight 270 pounds, up 1 pound from January a year ago. Lamb and mutton production, at 14.4 million pounds, was down 7 percent from January 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 208,500 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 3 pounds from January a year ago.

### COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER 1/

Species	Indiana		United States	
	Jan 2004	Jan 2005	Jan 2004	Jan 2005
<u>Cattle</u>				
Number of Head (000)	2/	2/	2,576.8	2,527.6
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	2/	2/	1,249	1,262
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	2/	2/	3,218,688	3,189,529
<u>Calves</u>				
Number of Head (000)	.5	.7	79.0	67.7
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	127	127	336	329
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	69	86	26,541	22,285
<u>Hogs</u>				
Number of Head (000)	630.2	574.3	8,789.3	8,478.1
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	264	268	269	270
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	166,246	153,724	2,363,663	2,288,114
<u>Sheep</u>				
Number of Head (000)	1.8	1.6	219.2	208.5
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	103	104	141	138
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	187	162	30,833	28,758

1/ Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected plants and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

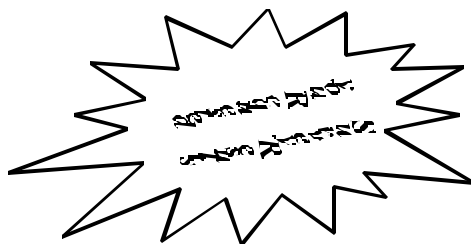
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